

A corvette had been sent off with despatches supposed for an American port. Capt. Brimblecom had spoken in lat. 25, lon. 69, brig Norton, 10 days from Boston for the Havanna, which put letters on board.



ALEXANDRIA.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 24.

"TO SHEW
THE VERY AGE AND BODY OF THE TIME
HIS FORM AND PRESSURE."

NEXT PRESIDENT.

Although this is a subject with which no native American has a right to meddle, we cannot for our souls avoid thinking of it occasionally. In treating of it, indeed, we are aware of encroaching upon the *patent rights* of those illustrious foreigners who have kindly undertaken to manage the affairs of our country. We submit ourselves to their clemency, while we venture to propose a plan for obtaining a President of the *right sort*. Accordingly, the following hasty suggestions are presented to the majority in Congress; and we trust they will be acted upon with all due diligence. They are in the form of

PREMIUMS.

- To any man who will coolly submit to an exposition of his own character, and that of his party, \$25,000 00
- To any man who will pay fifty thousand dollars for the said Exposition, without "fluttering," 100,000 00
- To any man who will keep another at the head of the Treasury, although his own political friends are continually abusing him for it, 2,500 00
- To any man who will seriously believe that Bonaparte ever would comply with a promise, and will proclaim such belief, after the term has expired for its fulfilment, 10,000 00
- To any man who will believe Bonaparte's oath, 60,000 00
- To any man who will be eternally preaching about the nation's welfare, while all his thoughts are directed towards the success of his own election, 70,000 00
- To any man who will gravely assert that the conquest of Canada will secure our maritime rights,—or, in other words, that scouring a kettle on the outside will clean the inside, 8,000 00
- To any man who will pretend to feel the greatest affection for Commerce, and yet do every thing in his power to destroy it, 90,000 00
- To any man who will say that a mercantile people have no use for a Navy to protect their rights on the ocean, 17 00
- To any man who will oppose taxes under one administration, and propose the same taxes under another, 5000 00
- To any man who will believe that those who framed the Federal Constitution are its worst enemies, 50,000 00
- To any man who will vote for a chief magistrate, on condition of being afterwards appointed Brigadier-General, Secretary of the Navy, Comptroller of the Treasury, or Judge of the Supreme Court, 4,000 00
- To any man who will resign his situation as Secretary at War, & take that of a Collector, to make way for a Presidential competitor, 7,000 00

These hints are submitted in the humblest manner to the consideration of Congress. The Committee of Foreign Relations can digest the plan at leisure. We are not anxious to hurry them in the business. They are much occupied, we know, in "ulterior measures." Should any further appropriations be

necessary, the Committee of Ways and Means can furnish a law for borrowing some more secret service money,—say half a million at once, and be done with it.

We are induced to offer this project with the more confidence, for another reason; which is, that we see no other way of accommodating all parties. Here every brazen-faced candidate has a fair chance: Besides, the man to whom the most money is paid for his pretensions, will surely be the *dearest* to the people. We repeat, that all this is offered with the most submissive reverence. It has no allusion to Squire Henry, or any other Squire. But we don't see why it may not be a most excellent scheme. We seal it thus:

"Quid accidit? cur dira barbarae minus
Venena Medae valent?
Quibus superbam fugit ultra pellicem
Magni Creontis filiam,
Cum palla tabo munus imbutum, novam
Incendis nuptam abstulit."

We understand the joint committee of both Houses of Congress have determined to recommend an adjournment over from Wednesday next till the 18th May.

Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, April 23, 1812.

[REPORTED FOR THIS GAZETTE.]

Mr. Quincy presented the petition of Ezra Whiston and Ezra Whiston, jun. merchants of Duxbury, Massachusetts, praying indemnification for the loss of their brig Gershom, which was captured and burnt by the French squadron sailing under the orders of the French Emperor. Referred to a select committee of five.

Mr. Brigham presented the petition of — Brigham, widow of Wm. Brigham, who was mortally wounded in the late battle on the Wabash, praying relief. Referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Gold presented the petition of Charles Selden and 95 others, millers and dealers in grain in the State of New-York, praying a repeal or modification of the Embargo law.

Mr. Livingston a similar one from Ebenezer Jones and 500 others, inhabitants of Troy, N. York.

Mr. Bleecker a similar one from John P. D. Dore and 104 others of Albany in same state.

Also, from John Scott and others of Waterford.

Mr. Fitch, a similar one from Elijah Jones and 153 others of Lansingburgh, N. Y.

Mr. Gold moved to refer the several petitions to a select committee.

This motion gave rise to a debate of considerable warmth and interest.

Mr. Randolph moved to refer them to a committee of the whole House, which motion superceded Mr. Gold's. Mr. Williams made a motion, which superceded that of Mr. Randolph's, that they lie on the table.

The question was then determined in the negative—Yeas 17, Nays 88.

Mr. Rhea moved that the further consideration of the petitions be postponed till the 4th of July next.

The question was taken by Ayes and Noes and were, Yeas 61, Nays 48.

[This decision may be considered as an expression of the sense of the house in relation to the continuance of the Embargo.]

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of sundry merchants of Alexandria, stating that they have property to a large amount in England, and in English ports, and praying the repeal or modification of the non-importation law, so that they may be permitted to import goods to the amount of their property now there.—Referred to the committee of the whole house who have that subject under consideration.

Mr. Wright from the Military committee, reported a bill establishing an Ordnance Department. Read twice and referred to a committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Mr. Sheffey had leave of absence for four weeks from to-morrow.

An engrossed bill making further provision for the army of the U. States, was read a third time.

On the question shall the bill pass? Mr Wright, Mr. Talmadge & Mr. Key, spoke at length in opposition to the bill on constitutional grounds.

Mr. Alston & Mr. Calhoun advocated it. Mr. Key was speaking when our letter came away.

CONNECTICUT.

Always correct—had its election on Monday.—The ghost of Democracy scarcely appeared on the occasion. In most of the towns Gov. Griswold was unanimously voted for. [Boston Centinel.

List of Vessels left at Oporto. March 7th, 1812, by the brig Brazillian, capt. Hodgkinson, arrived at this port:

Ship Maisvil, Jacob Bausch, from Philadelphia via Vigo, just arrived.

Schooner Independence, Lain, from Baltimore, just arrived, in 26 days.

Cyrus, of Chatham, Hewes, for St. Ubes, next day.

Hope, of Alexandria, Luckett, for do. same day.

April 17, in soundings, off Cape Henry, spoke the brig Fanny, Coulter, of Philadelphia, from Aux-Cayes, for Philadelphia, with French passengers.

DIED, yesterday, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. BETSEY GULLATT, the very amiable consort of Mr. James Gullatt. Her friends and acquaintance are invited to attend her funeral this afternoon at half past four o'clock.

BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL.

NEW-YORK, April 21.

By the General Hamilton, the Editors of the New-York Gazette, have received London papers to the 19th ult. inclusive—They are the latest by three days—Extracts follow.

LONDON, March 13

The second edition of a Dublin paper of Saturday, states that "The General commanding at Cove, has transmitted, by express, to government, an account, that the Spaniards had taken Tamragona by assault, and put the garrison, 3000 men to the sword." [No such account has reached ministers.]

The Marchioness of Buckingham, breathed her last on Monday night last.

All the detachments belonging to regiments in Portugal, are to be immediately embarked for their respective Regiments.

It was mentioned a few days since, that the despatches from Mr. Russell to Joel Barlow, sent by way of Morlaix, had been intercepted. We now find by a gentleman from that port that the same trick has been played Mr. Barlow, in respect to his own despatches to Mr. Russell, and the communication between these public envoys has been, on this account, we believe, wholly suspended. But, Bonaparte loves the Americans!

March 19.

Sailing of the ORIENT SQUADRON.

Advices have been received at the admiralty that the enemy's squadron of four sail of the line and two corvettes, which escaped from L'Orient on the 9th inst. was seen and kept company with by his majesty's ship Diana, 36 guns, captain Ferris, on the 9th and the whole of the 10th. On the latter day she fell in with his majesty's ship Pompee, of 80 guns, and late in the evening she discovered 2 sail, apparently of the line, standing in pursuit of the French squadron. On the morning of the 11th, the Diana being in lat. 48, 15, N. long. 5. 58. W. a firing was heard in the N. W. which captain Ferris calculated to be the French and the two ships that were in pursuit of them.

Sir Richard King writes on the 11th, in lat. 48. N. long. 5. 46. W. Ushant, bearing E. by N. 1-2 N. distant 28 miles, that he had fallen in with his majesty's sloop Myrtle, who had communicated to him by telegraph, that the Orient squadron were seen on the 10th, twenty leagues N. W. of Ushant, on the star-board tack, wind N. E. his majesty's ships Tremendous and Poictiers being to windward of them. Sir Richard King, with the Bulwark, Northumberland, and Colossus, was proceeding off Brest.

Price of stocks this day at 12—Consols 60 1-2—5 per cent. 90 1-2,

LIVERPOOL, March 21.

On the important subjects of the warlike rumors and military movements in the North of Europe, we have little additional information of any value. We are again told that Bonaparte is about to put himself at the head of 200,000 men, which is to march towards the Oder and the Vistula; that the Russians are marching southward, while the French are marching northward, and that Prussia is about to take the field with 120,000 men. This last article partakes so much of the marvelous, that it is almost sufficient of itself to discredit all the other accounts with which it is associated. All these reports however, want the stamp of authenticity and the confirmation of facts, before they can be admitted as any just ground of political speculation. We anxiously hope that a Northern war will be averted; for, if undertaken at this crisis, it is almost certain to end in the additional aggrandisement of France, and the further humiliation of the rest of Europe.

Price of superfine flour, 77 to 79s. per 240 pounds.

A Meeting of the Alexandria Hose and Engine Company is requested at seven o'clock THIS EVENING, for the purpose of electing Officers, and transacting other business of great importance to the Company: Friday, April 24.

OLD PORT WINE.

JUST RECEIVED

Per the Brig Brazillian, from Oporto, and for sale by the Subscribers,

40 Quarter Casks London

Particular PORT WINE, 5 years old.

M'Lean & Somers.

April 24.

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REMOVAL.

ANDREW JAMIESON has removed to the WHITE BAKE-HOUSE on the corner of Union & King streets, near Ramsay's Wharf. Where he will keep an assortment of the best WHITE BISCUITS.

April 24.

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Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away Negro DENNIS, lately living at Mr. Triplett's Tavern—of dark brown color, aged about 25 years, broad shoulders—calls himself Dennis Brown; is supposed to be skulking about Alexandria.

If apprehended and put in Jail, all expences will be paid, with a reward of Twenty Dollars. Immediate information to be sent to the subscriber, at Dumfries.

Ad. Ewell.

23d April.

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Valuable Property.

ON Monday the 25th of May next, will be sold, at Public Sale, on the premises at 12 o'clock, A. M.—those two spacious elegant BRICK HOUSES in the City of Washington, late the property of General Washington, situated on North Capitol Street, and running back to New Jersey Avenue, containing the whole of Lot No. 16 and parts of 6 and 7 square 634—More desirable property is not within the city—Immediately after the sale of said Lots and Houses, will be exposed to sale Lot No. 5 square 667, and those highly valuable water Lots No. 12, 13, 14, in square 667 with the liberty of improving in front of them into bold deep water in the Eastern Branch. This property is sold under a decree of the Court, and will be sold on a credit of twelve months—the purchaser to give bond with approved security carrying interest from the day of sale—300 dollars will be required in cash or an approved indorsed note at 60 days—No title to be made until the purchase money is fully paid.

PHILIP B. KEY.

April 18.

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LANDING

From the Ship HUGH JOHNSTON, Wm. Johnson, Master, from Boston, and for sale by Phineas Janney.

- 150 pieces Ravens Duck,
- 126 do. Russia Sheetting,
- 40 do. do. Duck, first quality,
- 40 do. do. do. second do.
- 20 boxes, containing 3600 lbs. Russia Steel,
- 1 do. do. 18,000 Russia Quills,
- 100 lbs. Prussian Blue,
- 62 tons Plaister.

IN STORE,

- 60 pieces Russia Sheetting, extra fine,
- 150 tons Swedish Bar Iron, assorted,
- 20 do. do. Allum,
- 40 boxes do. Window Glass, 10 by 12,
- 14 barrels Albany Prime Pork.

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A few Laborers wanted.

THOSE that have been accustomed to work in a Brick Yard will be preferred. Enquire of

Alex. Veitch.

April 13

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T. W. PEYTON

HAS RECEIVED, AND OFFERS FOR SALE,

- 50 hhds. Prime Molasses,
- 30000 lbs. Green Coffee in hhds. and bags,
- 20 hhds. New-Orleans Sugar,
- 50 bls. 2d quality Muscovado do.
- 30 boxes Havana do.
- 20 hhds. Old West-India & N. E. Rum,
- 50 bls. Newburyport do. of a superior quality,
- 10 square bales first quality Cotton,
- 10 boxes Window Glass, 8 by 10,
- 12 tons American Hemp,
- 10000 bushels Liverpool and Lisbon Salt,
- And a GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES, at wholesale.

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NOTICE.

THE subscriber having been duly appointed according to law, MEASURER OF LUMBER, for the county of Alexandria, and CORDER OF WOOD, for the town of Alexandria, gives information that he is ready to act in that capacity.

Abel Blakeny,

Union street, near A. Scholfield's Lumber Yard.

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Notice is Hereby Given

TO the Stockholders in the Great Hunting Creek Bridge Company, that an election will be held at the toll house of said Bridge, on Monday the 4th day of May next, for a President and Four Directors, to serve the company the ensuing year.

Jno. Hooft, Treasurer.

April 19

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